

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

ORDERS,

*Washington, January 16, 1863.*

With profound sorrow the Adjutant General announces to the officers of his Department the decease of one of their comrades. To use the words of his Commanding General, in his brief dispatch from the battle field, near Murfreesboro',—"We have to deplore the loss of Lieutenant Colonel GARESCHÉ, whose capacity and gentlemanly deportment had already endeared him to all the officers of this command, and whose gallantry on the field of battle excited their admiration."

Lieutenant Colonel JULIUS P. GARESCHÉ, Assistant Adjutant General, was a graduate of the Military Academy, in the class of 1841. As lieutenant of the Fourth Artillery, he served with distinction in the war with Mexico, and afterwards in Texas. Appointed to the Adjutant General's Department in 1855, he was ordered to duty in the Bureau at Washington, where, at the outbreak of the Rebellion, he was the senior Assistant. His ability and untiring industry have left their impress on the elaborate records over which he presided; and the universal and unfeigned regret at his loss, so freely expressed by all who came in contact with him, is a touching evidence of his value as an officer, and his worth as a man. Just and uncompromising in his official conduct, he was yet courteous, obliging, and affable. Possessing a chivalric spirit, with a high order of professional attainment, he hastened to embrace the first opportunity given him to enter on a more brilliant sphere of action, and reported to Major General Rosecrans as his chosen Chief of Staff, in time to render essential aid in organizing the Army with which the field of Murfreesboro' was won. At a critical moment on the 31st December, when the General, with his staff, dashed forward to restore the tide of battle, which was turning against our arms, "the noble Colonel GARESCHÉ" was instantly killed by a cannon ball.

What lot can be more enviable to a soldier than his! Of singularly spotless private character, faithful in the observance of his obligations as a christian, and devoted in his leisure hours to the exercise of benevolent acts, honored and beloved in his profession, he died as a true hero, and is mourned with a depth and sincerity of grief not often betrayed.

The officers of the Adjutant General's Department will wear the badge of mourning for thirty days in respect to his memory.

L. THOMAS,  
*Adjutant General.*

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